

WYCOMBE IN THRILLER

Dunstable 0 Wycombe 4

WYCOMBE cruised into the fourth qualifying round of the F.A. Cup in a game packed with excitement. The home side had one player sent off, another booked, and a third taken to hospital.

After only three minutes John Hutchinson swung a shot into the net from the edge of the penalty area. Dunstable fought back but were quickly in trouble after the break.

In the 48th minute Mick Collins received his second booking in two matches when he brought down Wycombe centre forward Keith Searle. From the free-kick there was a scramble in the Dunstable penalty area which ended with referee M. Fairey, of Hitchin, awarding a penalty from which John Delaney scored.

Dunstable were down to 10 men when former Luton defender Max Dugan was sent off in the 58th minute for a remark to a linesman. The home side's ranks were further reduced when goalkeeper Colin Tinsley was taken to hospital with bruised ribs after a collision with Hutchinson.

Full-back John Downard took over in goal and pulled off a couple of good saves but Wycombe went on to score two more goals through Searle and Larry Pritchard.